Computer Software List

Basic Installation of Programs

- Windows updates – windowsupdate.microsoft.com

  - To fix any security holes that have been discovered in Windows, whether it be XP, Vista, or Windows 7

- Antivirus – www.free.avg.com

  - It is free antivirus software, just be sure to use the free version and NOT THE FREE 30 DAY TRIAL

  - Antivirus software helps to keep viruses off your computer

- Install Windows Defender – do a google search for Windows Defender

  - This program is free if you have a legitimate version of Windows and is used to help keep out spyware and malware

- Install Spybot Search & Destroy – www.safer-networking.org

  - This program is free and is also used to keep out spyware and malware

  - This program also has a feature called "TeaTimer" that prevents programs from making changes to your registry without your permission, but it is a little more advanced to use

- Complete OpenOffice – www.openoffice.org

  - This is a free version of a Microsoft Office like suite

  - It has comparable to programs to Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point

- Install Adobe Reader – www.adobe.com

- This program is free and is used to view ".pdf" files which are the format for most documents found on the web

- Install Flash – www.adobe.com

  o This program is free and allows you to view animated graphics on the web

- Install Shockwave Player – www.adobe.com

  o This program is required for some online games

- Install Java – www.java.com

  o Java is a free program that is used to allow you to interact with web pages on the internet

- Setup windows media player – www.microsoft.com/windows/WindowsMedia/

  o This program is free with a legitimate version of Windows and is used to allow you to play online music, music cds, and view some online videos

- **IF YOU GET A POP-UP BY THE CLOCK IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER DO NOT CLICK IT – JUST SAVE YOUR WORK AND RESTART THE COMPUTER – <u>DO NOT CLICK ANYWHERE ON THE BOX (NOT EVEN THE RED "X", Just Restart your computer and it should go away</u>**

  o If you click it, then the virus or malicious software is then installed

  o It is a web pop-up that does whatever it can to make you the user, panic and click on it

    ▪ It may have moving graphics – as in a progress bar to make you think it is scanning your computer

- All it is, is a web pop-up, but the creator can make it look like anything they want, as in a legitimate virus scan window.